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SUBJECT: PEACE PYRAMID II: FUNDING FOR EGYPTIAN C-130
- PROGRAM

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1. WE FULLY APPRECIATE IMPLICATIONS OF DELAY IN PAYMENT BY EGYPTIANS FOR PEACE PYRAMID II PROGRAM. AIRA DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH EAF THIS MORNING EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING THE \$33.7 PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID ARREARAGES REPORT WHICH WOULD OCCUR IF PAYMENT IS DELAYED BEYOND 30 APRIL. AIRA FURTHER REQUESTED CONFIRMATION TODAY IF POSSIBLE OF THE DATE AND SOURCE FROM WHICH PAYMENT COULD BE EXPECTED. AIRA WAS ASSURED THE COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE WOULD BECOME PERSONALLY INVOLVED.

2. AS TOMORROW IS EGYPTIAN SABBATH WE WILL WAIT UNTIL SAT AM 22 APR FOR EAF TO WORK THE PROBLEM. IF BY THAT TIME WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM EGYPTIANS, AMBASSADOR WILL SEEK MEETING WITH MINWAR GAMASY TO EMPHASIZE CRITICALNESS OF PAYMENT.

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3. WISH NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IF BILL HAS NOW BEEN SUBMITTED BY ONE OF CONTRACTORS IN EXCESS OF ACCOUNT BALANCE, THIS WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST FAULTY STRUCTURING OF PAYMENTS SCHEDULE ON OUR PART RATHER THAN AN EGYPTIAN DELINQUENCY. IN ANY CASE, WE WILL DO UTMOST GET PAYMENT MADE PRIOR TO APRIL 30. EILTS

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